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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 6320

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, WB, GE, GW, US, UR, UK, FR, UN

SUBJECT: SENAT BRIEFING ON BKC/ L EXTENDING UN CHARTER TO  
BERLIN

1. AT MAY 2 BONN GROUP MEETING, FONOFF ( BLECH) SAID GOVERNING  
MAYOR SCHUETZ WAS PLANNING TO INFORM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FRAKTION LEADERS ABOUT ISSUANCE OF BKC/ L EXTENDING UN CHARTER  
TO BERLIN. BLECH SAID FRG WAS CONSIDERING WHETHER FRANKTION  
CHIEFS SHOULD BE TOLD SOVIETS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF CONTENTS  
OF BKC/ L AND ASKED FOR ALLIED VIEWS.

2. ALLIED REPS SAW ARGUMENTS AGAINST INFORMING THE HEADS OF  
FRAKTION WHICH WERE BASED ON TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS. THEY  
NOTED THAT IT WOULD INCREASE THE CHANCES THAT THE STORY WOULD  
BE LEAKED TO NEWS MEDIA PRIOR TO THE BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON UN  
ENTRY MAY 10, AND THEREFORE INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE  
SOVIETS WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO REACT NEGATIVELY TO THE CONTENTS  
OF THE BKC/ L.

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3. BLECH SAID THE FONOFF VIEW WAS ALSO THAT TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION TO PARTY LEADERS MIGHT HAVE TACTICAL DISADVANTAGES. BLECH SAID HE FELT A BROAD OUTLINE OF THE BKC/ L COULD BE GIVEN WITHOUT RAISING THE SPECIFIC POINT THAT THE SOVIETS HAD BEEN INFORMED, IF BERLIN CDU REPS RAISED THE ISSUE. THE REPLY COULD BE THAT THE SOVIETS HAD PRESUMABLY BEEN INFORMED OF THE BKC/ L, WITHOUT FURTHER COMMENT.

4. ALLIED REPS AGREED THAT MENTION OF CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS SHOULD BE GIVEN ONLY ON AN IF- ASKED BASIS. THEY ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE DEPUTIES SHOULD NOT BE INFORMED BY SENAT UNTIL MAY 7 OR LATER, TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF A LEAK AND THUS OF ELICITING A SOVIET RESPONSE BEFORE THE MAY 10 BUNDESTAG DEBATE. BLECH SAID DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC WOULD IN ANY CASE PROBABLY NOT BE SCHEDULED BEFORE MAY 7. CASH

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